

[Please amend claim 7 as follows:]

1 7. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein two frames are
2 provided, one for location towards each end of the elongate members.

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[Please amend claim 10 as follows:]

1 10. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the connecting member
2 between the two end frames has forklift protector plates to facilitate handling of the
3 apparatus.

[Please amend claim 11 as follows:]

1 11. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the packing member is
2 adapted to be positioned at different heights within the frame.

[Please amend claim 12 as follows:]

1 12. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the packing member is
2 restrained against movement parallel and perpendicular to the length of the
3 constrained elongate members.

[Please amend claim 16 as follows:]

1 16. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the retaining means is
2 adapted to pull an upper packing member towards the base.

Please amend claim 18 as follows:

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1 18. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the retaining means
2 comprises flexible members adapted to be draped over an uppermost packing
3 member.

[Please amend claim 19 as follows:]

1 19. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the packing member
2 comprises a rigid section.

[Please amend claim 21 as follows:]

1 21. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein one or more
2 deformable elements is fixed to the rigid section.

[Please amend claim 26 as follows:]

1 26. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the ^{elastomeric} ~~elastomer~~ jacket
2 defines angular edges that are adapted to exert increasing compressive resistance to
3 elongate member lateral motion with increasing applied vertical force.

[Please amend claim 29 as follows:]

1 29. (Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein two frames are
2 provided, one for location towards each end of the elongate members.